

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

June—Month of The Sacred Heart of Jesus

Seventh Sunday of Easter

1 June 2025

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Mass Times
Saturday 6:30pm (Vigil Mass of Sunday)
Sunday: 9:00am*,
10:30am (Includes Children's Liturgy)
12noon & 6:30pm
Monday— Saturday: 9:30am*
**Livestreamed*

Eucharistic Adoration
Weekdays and Saturday:
One hour before morning Mass

Confession
Saturdays: 10:00am—10:30am
5:30pm— 6:15pm
& At Call

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Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one…" John 17:20–22

What an amazing prayer! Don't miss the meaning of this prayer. This is Jesus' High Priestly Prayer that He prayed just before He was arrested. This prayer concludes the Last Supper at which Jesus instituted the Most Holy Eucharist. It is truly His Eucharistic prayer that culminates in the offering of His life on the Cross. This prayer is not only a prayer; it is also a teaching about the life that we are invited to share in with our Lord.
Note that in the passage quoted above, Jesus prayed not only for the disciples "but also for those who will believe in me through their word." In other words, Jesus was praying for you and for everyone who would hear and respond to the Gospel. And His prayer was that you share in the perfect union that Jesus shares with the Father. He prayed that all may be one in the same way that He and the Father are one. Again, this is an amazing prayer!

To begin, it is important to understand the concept of unity. Deep within each of us is a longing to be united to another. The draw to marriage, the love of a parent and child, the desire for friends and the bonding together as a community all point to this desire. We want unity. We want to be one. Unfortunately, our natural ability to form a holy union with others was deeply wounded by Original Sin. For that reason, the most central mission of the Son of God was not only to restore that which was lost but to transform it into something even greater. Now, because of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, we are not only able to live in peace with each other, we are also able to share in a new spiritual union with God Himself. This union goes to the heart and soul of who we are.

Look within you and try to discover the innate desire you have for communion with others. When properly understood, pondering this desire is very consoling and enticing. If you can separate selfishness, lust and possessiveness from the equation, you are left with a very holy desire for union with others. Try to discover this desire within.
As you discover this desire that God placed within you, learn from Jesus' High Priestly Prayer. Understand that this desire is only completely fulfilled by entering into the life and unity of the Most Holy Trinity. We are called to share in God's very life. When that happens, we also share in a perfect and holy union with one another. In this life, a holy marriage is an earthly prefiguration of that union that is to come. In Heaven, the divine marriage to which we are called will enable us to fulfil every human desire we have.

The Peace of Christ
Fr Matteo

Those who are sick: Antonio Pereira, Emma Bennett, Catherine Crowley, Carmeletta O'Sullivan, Ethel Cuff

Those who have died recently: Fr John Wiley, Nadia Prata Da Goia, Winston Ingram

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Brigid Boland, Gerry and Josie Rice, Eddie Ginnelly, Marie D'Souza, Nicolau Albuquerque, Leroy Lewis, Elizabeth Cartwright

PARISH & DIOCESAN NEWS

Collection 25 May 2025 amounted to £1,648.30
Standing orders for April: £3,956.00
Contactless Income for April: £651.23

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your generosity to the **Priest Training Fund** collection last month. We raised **£1,184.71.**
Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests.

PARISH DIARY

Monday 2nd June 10:30am	Warm Spaces—in the Church of the Transfiguration after morning Mass. All very welcome.
Tuesday 3rd June 10:00am	Coffee Morning after morning Mass in St Mary Magdalen Church.
Tuesday 3rd June 7:00pm	Social Committee meeting in the Sacristy.

BAPTISM PREPARATION The next course preparing parents for the baptism of their child, will be held next **Saturday, 7 June 2025** at 11:00am. Please contact the office to book a place.

WAYS TO DONATE TO OUR PARISH

In answer to some recent enquiries, we have listed below the different ways you can donate to our parish:

- Cash in the Sunday collection
- Using the offertory envelopes (contact the office for more information)
- Using the contactless machine at the back of the church at the weekends.
- Through our website. Just go to the 'Donate' button at the top of the page: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesdengreen/
- By bank transfer— details available on our website under 'Donate' → 'Other ways to give.

Please contact the office if you have any questions. Thank you!

Mass Intentions commencing—Sunday 1 June

Saturday	6:30pm	Marie D'Souza	**Anniv**
Sunday	9:00am	People of the Parish	**Ints**
	10:30am	Noel Armstrong	**Get Well Ints**
	12:00pm	Eddie Ginnelly	**Anniv**
	6:30pm	Ann Somers	**RIP**
Monday	9:30am	Ann Somers	**RIP**
Tuesday	9:30am	Brigid Boland	**Anniv**
	12:00pm	Funeral—Nadia Prata Da Goia	**RIP**
Wednesday	9:30am	Nicolau Albuquerque	**Anniv**
Thursday	9:30am	Gerry and Josie Rice	**Anniv**
Friday	9:30am	The welfare and protection of the priests of the Parish	**Ints**
Saturday	9:30am	Jolanda Pereira	**Birthday Ints**

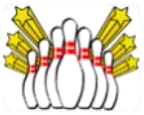
FUNERAL NOTICES

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late
Nadia Regina Prata Da Goia
will take place on Tuesday 3rd June at 12:00pm
followed by burial at Willesden New Cemetery at 1:30pm.

May she rest in peace ✞

June YOUTH GROUP meeting for Year 9 to 13

SUNDAY 29 June - Bowling at Royale Leisure Park, Acton



For anyone in Year 9+, please email the office willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk for further details and to sign up -departure time 1:00pm.

The next Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery NW10 5NU, Kensal Green will be held on **Monday 16th June 2025 at 11.30am.**

For this Jubilee Year, the **Agency for Evangelisation** has compiled a list of resources to help nurture faith within the family. Each week, we will feature one of these resources:

the messy family project®

The Messy Family project offers podcasts for parents wishing build their domestic church, with a focus on family culture, parenting, marriage and spiritual life.

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